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DOJ Interim Rule on Waiver of Training for State or Local Law Enforcement Officers Authorized to Enforce Immigration Law During a Mass Influx of Aliens

Initially in *Short Takes* March 7, 2003. The U.S. Department of Justice (DOJ) is amending its regulations to authorize the attorney general to waive normally required training requirements in the event that the number of state or local law enforcement officers available to respond in an expeditious manner to urgent and quickly developing events during a declared mass influx of aliens is insufficient to protect public safety, public health, or national security (*Federal Register*, Feb. 26, 2003, pp. 8820-8822, <http://a257.g.akamaitech.net/7/257/2422/14mar20010800/edocket.access.gpo.gov/2003/03-4441.htm>). The interim rule is effective Feb. 26. Written comments, referencing INS No. 2241-02, must be submitted on or before **April 28** to the Regulations and Forms Services Division, Immigration and Naturalization Service, 425 I Street, NW, Room 4034, Washington, DC 20536. Comments may be also submitted electronically to insregs@usdoj.gov and must include "INS No. 2241-02" in the line to ensure that the comments are routed to the appropriate office for review.

USPC Proposed Rule on Conditions for Release

The U.S. Parole Commission (USPC) is proposing to revise three rules that describe the conditions of release for federal and District of Columbia offenders on parole supervision, and District of Columbia offenders serving terms of supervised release (*Federal Register*, April 7, 2003, pp. 16743-16746, <http://a257.g.akamaitech.net/7/257/2422/14mar20010800/edocket.access.gpo.gov/2003/03-7849.htm>). The proposed revision consolidates similar provisions for the three groups of offenders and makes the conditions easier to read and understand. There are some minor changes in the directions given to the releasees. Finally, the commission proposes to generally apply a condition presently required for some DC supervised releasees convicted of domestic violence offenses to all persons under supervision who were convicted of domestic violence offenses.

Comments must be received by **May 7**. Send comments to Office of General Counsel, U.S. Parole Commission, 5550 Friendship Blvd., Chevy Chase, Maryland 20815.

Funding Opportunities —



IJIS Institute Offering TA for Integrated Justice Information Systems

The Integrated Justice Information Systems (IJIS) Institute, a membership organization representing businesses providing products and services to the justice community, has received a grant from the U.S. Department of Justice to provide technical assistance (TA) to jurisdictions that are planning to implement or are in the process of implementing integrated justice information systems. The Institute offers state, tribal, territorial, and local justice agencies an opportunity to seek neutral, cost-effective, state-of-the-art assistance from the companies at the leading edge of IJIS design and development. This balanced perspective can help jurisdictions avoid common pitfalls, evaluate the applicability of new technologies, and sort through conflicting claims and alternatives. Staff from the IJIS Institute member organizations will provide three to five days of consulting services to help agencies solve technology issues related to implementing integrated justice information systems.

In addition to the technical assistance, the IJIS Institute is conducting a series of technology seminars on a variety of technology issues facing justice agencies attempting to implement integrated justice information systems. The seminars cover critical topics, such as XML, multi-jurisdictional data mining, and information security. The IJIS Institute also offers an accredited, one-week IJIS Project Management course.

Justice agencies interested in obtaining technical assistance or enrolling in one of the training programs should visit the IJIS Institute web site at <http://www.ijisinstitute.org> or call the IJIS Institute at 202-628-8615.

OVC Project Helping Outreach Programs to Expand

Initially in *Short Takes* Aug. 27, 2002. The U.S. Department of Justice (DOJ), Office of Justice Programs (OJP), Office for Victims of Crime (OVC) is soliciting applications for fiscal year (FY) 2002 Project Helping Outreach Programs to Expand. The objective of the project is to provide resources to grassroots community-based organizations to improve outreach and services to crime victims. Nonprofit grassroots community-based victim service programs that do not receive federal Victims of Crime Act (VOCA) victim assistance grant funding may apply for a one-time grant, up to \$5,000, to support program development, networking, coalition building, and service delivery. Funds may be used to develop program literature, train advocates, produce a newsletter, support victim outreach efforts, and recruit volunteers. It is an open solicitation and is contingent upon the availability of funds. The grant funds must be expended within a 12-month period. Application information is available online at <http://www.ojp.usdoj.gov/ovc/fund/hopeappkit/welcome.html>. If you have questions or need help completing your application, please contact Celestine Williams, 202-616-3565, celeste@ojp.usdoj.gov.

Free Missing Children Computers for Law Enforcement

Initially in *Short Takes* Dec. 6, 2002. The National Center for Missing & Exploited Children (NCMEC), in conjunction with OJP's Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention (OJJDP), will provide computer hardware, software, and support services for the LOCATER™ (Lost Child Alert Technology Resource) Program at no charge to law enforcement agencies whose responsibilities include missing and abducted child investigations. LOCATER is a program to hasten the recovery of missing and abducted children by providing law enforcement agencies the technology to rapidly disseminate images and information. Application forms are available in PDF format online at <http://www.locaterposters.org/application.html>.

Cost Waiver for Municipalities Launching IntelliCast Target Notification for Missing Children

Initially in *Short Takes* Dec. 6, 2002. The National Center for Missing and Exploited Children (NCMEC) and Intrado have unveiled a program where municipalities can use IntelliCast Target Notification to assist with missing child searches. Using IntelliCast Target Notification, officials can deliver a message about a missing child to thousands of targeted homes and businesses within minutes, helping ensure the most efficient dissemination of relevant information to safely and quickly recover missing children. The service is available to both municipalities with or without existing AMBER plans (urgent bulletins to communities over the Emergency Broadcast System calling for assistance in the search for a missing child). In view of the budgetary constraints facing local communities across the country, NCMEC has worked with Intrado to waive costs associated with municipalities launching IntelliCast Target Notification events to recover missing children. For communities that are not yet subscribers to the IntelliCast Target Notification service, Intrado, in conjunction with the NCMEC, will eliminate the upfront set-up costs to facilitate the implementation process. For information on how to take advantage of this offer, go online to <http://www.intrado.com/main/offering/intellicast/publicsafety/amberplus/> or call 877-262-3775.

NIJ Solicitation for Evaluations of BJA Discretionary Funds Projects

Initially in *Short Takes* March 7, 2003. In the FY 2002 Justice Appropriations Act, Congress placed 88 earmarks totaling \$94.5 million on discretionary funds administered by OJP's Bureau of Justice Assistance (BJA). The act also set aside resources to evaluate those earmarks, which National Institute of Justice (NIJ) will oversee. NIJ is calling for proposals to evaluate five selected projects supported by BJA discretionary funds; the five projects are listed online at <http://www.ojp.usdoj.gov/nij/funding.htm>. Applicants may propose to evaluate as many of the projects as they believe that they can manage effectively. Each evaluation must be submitted in a separate proposal. Applications are due by **April 11**. Application information is available online at <http://www.ojp.usdoj.gov/nij/funding.htm> or by calling the DOJ Response Center at 800-421-6770 (in the Washington, DC area at 202-307-1480) or the National Criminal Justice Reference Service (NCJRS) at 800-851-3420.

Department of Homeland Security Announces Firefighters Grant Application Period

Initially in *Short Takes* March 21, 2003. On March 10, Secretary of Homeland Security Tom Ridge and United States Fire Administrator R. David Paulison announced the opening of the Assistance to Firefighters Grant application period (*Federal Register*, March 14, 2003, pp. 12543–12552 & 12552–12560, <http://a257.g.akamaitech.net/7/257/2422/14mar20010800/edocket.access.gpo.gov/2003/03-6171.htm> and <http://a257.g.akamaitech.net/7/257/2422/14mar20010800/edocket.access.gpo.gov/2003/03-6172.htm>). Congress appropriated \$750 million for the program in FY 2003. The program assists rural, urban, and suburban fire

departments throughout the United States. All fire departments are invited to apply by **April 11**. Application information is available online at <http://www.usfa.fema.gov/dhtml/inside-usfa/grants.cfm>.

HUD/HHS/VA Collaborative Initiative to Help End Chronic Homelessness

Initially in *Short Takes* Feb. 7, 2003. The U.S. Interagency Council on the Homeless (ICH) is coordinating a \$35 million joint initiative with the Departments of Housing and Urban Development (HUD), Health and Human Services (HHS), and Veterans Affairs (VA) to support the administration's initiative to end chronic homelessness (*Federal Register*, Jan. 27, 2003, pp. 4017-4046, <http://a257.g.akamaitech.net/7/257/2422/14mar20010800/edocket.access.gpo.gov/2003/03-1801.htm> and corrected at <http://a257.g.akamaitech.net/7/257/2422/14mar20010800/edocket.access.gpo.gov/2003/03-4341.htm>). The initiative seeks to create a collaborative and comprehensive approach to addressing the problems of homelessness. The collaboration among the departments offers housing and service funding through a consolidated application. Applicants must show how the funds they are requesting will be part of a comprehensive and integrated community strategy to use funding sources, including mainstream services resources, to assist persons who are chronically homeless and homeless families with a disabled adult member to move from the streets and emergency shelters into stable housing and receive the range of services and other support needed to promote and maintain greater self-sufficiency. Funds will be awarded by HUD, two agencies within HHS, and VA based on one consolidated application. The application requests a description of the comprehensive approach being taken by each applicant, and includes four agency-specific application sections tied to the four federal funding streams. Applications must address both the overall approach and specific technical requirements established by the participating agencies. Funding provided by HUD must be used to provide permanent housing; HHS's SAMHSA funds will be directed toward substance abuse treatment, mental health, and related supportive services; and HHS's Health Resources and Services Administration funds will be used for primary health care services. Applicants will be able to obtain additional resources from local VA facilities by addressing the specific needs of chronically homeless veterans in their application. The deadline for receipt of applications is **April 14**. The application kit is available online at <http://www.ich.gov/library/2003nofa/index.html>, <http://www.hud.gov/offices/cpd/homeless/apply/index.cfm>, <http://www.hrsa.gov/grants/homeless.htm>, <http://www.samhsa.gov/grants/grants.html>, <http://www.va.gov/homeless/page.cfm?pg=20>. Toll free telephone assistance is available by calling 866-450-CARE (866-450-2273)

NIDA Improving Behavioral Health Services and Treatment for Adolescent Drug Abuse

Initially in *Short Takes* Dec. 20, 2002. The U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS), National Institute on Drug Abuse (NIDA) invites grant applications for the conduct of behavioral health services and treatment research on adolescent drug abuse. The request for applications strives to build on recent studies of drug abuse treatment for adolescents to improve and expand the delivery of efficacious treatments to drug abusing youth. Applications are encouraged that (1) investigate ways to broaden youth access to treatment services; (2) examine improvements in treatment delivery, including breadth, integration, and targeting of services for adolescents at different developmental stages in both their own maturation and their drug use and treatment careers; (3) develop, modify, or test behavioral treatments, or combined behavioral and pharmacological treatments, targeting adolescent drug abusers; and (4) analyze strategies for translating efficacious clinical treatments into effective community interventions. NIDA intends to commit approximately \$2 million in FY 2003 to fund 5 to 8 new grants, using the NIH research project (R01), NIDA small grant (R03), and NIDA exploratory/developmental (R21) award mechanisms. An applicant may request for R01 a project period of up to five years and a budget for direct costs of up to \$400,000 per year; for R03 a project period of up to two years and a budget for direct costs of up to \$50,000; and for R21 a project period of up to three years and a budget for direct costs of up to \$100,000. The application receipt date is **April 14**. Application information is available online at <http://grants1.nih.gov/grants/guide/rfa-files/RFA-DA-03-003.html>. For further assistance contact GrantsInfo, 301-435-0714, e-mail: GrantsInfo@nih.gov.

NIC Executive Training for Women – Team Development

Initially in *Short Takes* Feb. 21, 2003. DOJ's National Institute of Corrections (NIC) announced the availability of funds in FY 2003 for a cooperative agreement to fund the project, "Executive Training for Women – Team Building" (*Federal Register*, Feb. 20, 2003, pp. 8308-8311, <http://a257.g.akamaitech.net/7/257/2422/14mar20010800/edocket.access.gpo.gov/2003/03-4023.htm> as amended by <http://a257.g.akamaitech.net/7/257/2422/14mar20010800/edocket.access.gpo.gov/2003/03-5524.htm>). NIC invites applications for a cooperative agreement to design and deliver a three-day team development training program. Participants will be selected graduates of the two prior Executive Leadership Training for Women programs and the participant's chosen senior administrator. This third program offering continues the leadership development of the

woman executive by inviting other key personnel into the process to work together as a highly productive and respectful team. This particular team approach should incorporate researched and documented leadership styles of both men and women. The award recipient must become familiar with Phase 1 and Phase 2 of the NIC Executive Leadership Training for Women Program in order to understand the program history and progression to this advanced level of training, designed for selected graduates of the Phase 1 and 2 program. The cooperative agreement includes the responsibility for the program and curriculum design, training of faculty, and the delivery and evaluation of the pilot program in FY 2004. The award amount will be limited to a maximum of \$175,000. \$100,00 will be paid in FY2003 and \$75,000 in FY2004. Applications must be received by **April 15**. Application information is available online at <http://www.nicic.org/services/coop/fy2003/03-exectrainwomen.htm> or by calling Rita Rippetoe at 800-995-6423, extension 44222, or by e-mail at rrippetoe@bop.gov.

Weed and Seed Continuation Grants

Initially in *Short Takes* March 21, 2003. OJP's Executive Office for Weed and Seed is inviting online applications for FY 2003 continuation funding to Weed and Seed sites. Operation Weed and Seed is an innovative and comprehensive multi-agency approach to law enforcement, crime prevention, and community revitalization. The strategy involves a two-pronged approach: law enforcement agencies and prosecutors cooperate in "weeding out" violent crime and drug abuse; and "seeding" brings human services to the area, encompassing prevention, intervention, treatment, and neighborhood revitalization. At each site, the United States Attorney plays a central role in organizing the Steering Committee and bringing together communities with other Weed and Seed participants.

Online registration at <http://www.ojp.usdoj.gov/fundopps.htm> for Group A must be completed by **April 16** and for Group B by **April 30**. Online applications for Group A are due **Aug. 22** and for Group B **Sept. 5**. Application information is available online at <http://www.ojp.usdoj.gov/eows/funding.htm>. For questions regarding the application kit or the application process, please call the site's program manager at 202-616-1152.

OVW Grants to Reduce Violent Crimes Against Women on Campus

Initially in *Short Takes* Feb. 7, 2003. OJP's Office on Violence Against Women (OVW) is soliciting applications for FY 2003 Grants to Reduce Violent Crimes Against Women on Campus. The primary purpose of the program is to develop and strengthen victim services in cases involving violent crimes against women on campuses and strengthen effective security and investigation strategies to combat violent crimes against women on campuses. In FY 2003, OVW intends to fund a two-year special initiative to develop and implement innovative programs utilizing the organizational strengths of associations whose membership consists of institutions of higher education. Up to four initiatives will be funded to develop effective practices for responding to and preventing violence against women on campus using the membership of the associations to develop, implement, and disseminate promising models. Special initiative applicants are also eligible to apply for direct funding, for its campus, under the campus program as a new or continuation grantee. Special initiative applicants, however, should not propose duplicative projects and should prepare separate and distinct proposals. Eligible grantees are institutions of higher education as defined under the Higher Education Amendments of 1998. A consortium of higher education institutions also may apply for these grants provided that each individual consortium member is eligible to apply. Applicants issued awards in FY 2002 are not eligible to apply. Current grantees are eligible for supplemental or continuation funding to support on-going activities or to enhance those activities for an extended period of time. Continuation or supplemental funding is not guaranteed. Due to limited funding, it is unlikely that OVW will make awards in excess of \$200,000 for individual new projects or \$400,000 for new consortia projects. Continuation budgets should not greatly exceed prior budget amounts. It is unlikely that OVW will make continuation awards in excess of \$300,000. Applicants seeking funding under the new special initiative can apply for up to \$1 million. Online application deadline has been extended to **April 17**. Application information is available online at <http://www.ojp.usdoj.gov/vawo/applicationkits.htm> and <http://www.ojp.usdoj.gov/fundopps.htm>. For additional information, please contact OVW at 202-307-6026.

DOJ Immigration Related Employment Discrimination Public Education Grants

Initially in *Short Takes* March 7, 2003. DOJ's Office of Special Counsel for Immigration Related Unfair Employment Practices (OSC) announced the availability of funds for grants to conduct public education programs about the rights afforded potential victims of employment discrimination and the responsibilities of employers under the antidiscrimination provisions of the Immigration and Nationality Act (INA), 8 USC 1324b (*Federal Register*, March 5, 2003, pp. 10487-10489, <http://a257.g.akamaitech.net/7/257/2422/14mar20010800/edocket.access.gpo.gov/2003/03-5090.htm>). It is anticipated that a number of grants will be competitively awarded to applicants who can demonstrate a capacity to

design and successfully implement public education campaigns to combat immigration related unfair employment discrimination. Grants will range in size from \$40,000 to \$100,000. OSC will accept proposals from applicants who have access to potential victims of discrimination or whose experience qualified them to educate workers, employers and the general public about the antidiscrimination provisions of the INA. OSC welcomes proposals from diverse nonprofit organizations such as local, regional or national ethnic and immigrants rights advocacy organizations, labor organizations, trade associations, industry groups, professional organizations, or other nonprofit entities, including state and local government agencies, providing information services to potential victims of discrimination and employers. The application due date is **April 21**. Application forms may be obtained online at <http://www.usdoj.gov/crt/osc/> by writing or telephoning the U.S. Department of Justice, Civil Rights Division, Office of Special Counsel for Immigration Related Unfair Employment Practices, 950 Pennsylvania Avenue NW, Washington, DC 20530; 202-616-5594.

Department of Homeland Security Announces Funding for First Responders

Initially in *Short Takes* March 21, 2003. On March 7, Secretary of Homeland Security Tom Ridge announced that nearly \$600 million has been made available to the states and U.S. territories to assist state and local public safety and law enforcement personnel to prevent, prepare, and respond to terrorism. Ridge wrote the governors on March 3 to provide program guidelines and offer instructions for filing the grant applications. Application forms have been posted online at www.ojp.usdoj.gov/fundopps.htm. States will have until **April 22** to submit their applications. Once an application has been submitted, states will be notified of the status within seven days. When approved, funds will be available within three weeks thereafter. For a breakdown of funding by state, see the ODP grants chart in PDF format at http://www.dhs.gov/interweb/assetlibrary/ODP_State_Homeland_Security_Grant_Program.pdf.

DOC Technology Opportunities Program

Initially in *Short Takes* March 21, 2003. The National Telecommunications and Information Administration (NTIA) of the Department of Commerce (DOC) is seeking applications for the FY 2003 Technology Opportunities Program (TOP) (*Federal Register*, March 17, 2003, pp. 12678-12683, <http://a257.g.akamaitech.net/7/257/2422/14mar20010800/edocket.access.gpo.gov/2003/03-6233.htm>). The program funds demonstrations of new telecommunications and information applications for the provision of educational, cultural, health care, public information, public safety, or other social services. DOC evaluates and actively shares the lessons learned from the projects to ensure the benefits are broadly distributed across the country, especially in rural and underserved communities. Non-profit entities, public sector organizations as well as state, local and tribal governments are eligible to apply. Eligible applicants include, but are not limited to, faith-based organizations, national organizations and associations, non-profit community-based organizations, non-profit health care providers, schools, libraries, museums, colleges, universities, public safety providers or other providers of social services. Individual persons and for-profit organizations are not eligible to apply. Approximately \$12.4 million is available for the matching grants in FY 2003. DOC expects the federal amounts awarded to range from \$350,000 to \$700,000, with an average of approximately \$500,000. The amount awarded covers the duration of the project. DOC will provide up to 50% of the total project cost, unless the applicant can document extraordinary circumstances warranting a grant of up to 75%. Applications are due **April 23**. Standard forms and materials needed to complete an application can be obtained electronically via TOP's website at <http://www.ntia.doc.gov/top> or by contacting the TOP office at 202-482-2048. For further information, contact Lamot du Pont by telephone: 202-482-2048; fax: 202-501-8009; or e-mail: top@ntia.doc.gov.

OJJDP Strengthening Abuse and Neglect Courts in America: Management Information Systems Project

OJP's Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention (OJJDP) is requesting applications for the Strengthening Abuse and Neglect Courts in America: Management Information Systems (SANCA MIS) project (*Federal Register*, March 26, 2003, pp. 14699-14705, <http://a257.g.akamaitech.net/7/257/2422/14mar20010800/edocket.access.gpo.gov/2003/03-7208.htm>). The project will help abuse and neglect courts develop, implement, and maintain automated information systems that enhance court compliance with the Adoption and Safe Families Act of 1997, by automating national functional data standards and tracking national performance measures. Applications are invited only from state and local courts responsible for processing child abuse and neglect cases in jurisdictions where the following projects are being implemented: HHS's Court Improvement Program (CIP), OJJDP's Model Dependency Courts, OJJDP's Safe Start Initiative, and OJJDP's Safe Kids/Safe Streets Initiative. In all cases, the child abuse and neglect court must be the lead agency for the SANCA MIS project. Applicants may apply for a one-time award of up to \$200,000 for the 24-

month project and budget period. Applicants must provide at least 25% of the total approved cost of the project. The non-federal share may be a cash or in-kind contribution. OJJDP will select up to six courts to receive funding through cooperative agreements.

Applicants must begin their online applications by **April 25**; applications must be completed online, and all required letters, signed by the appropriate authorities, must be received in one fax transmission by **May 27**. Application information is available online at <http://www.ojjdp.ncjrs.org/grants/current.html>. For further information contact Kristen Kracke, Program Manager, at 202-616-3649.

BJS FY 2003 National Criminal History Improvement Program

Initially in *Short Takes* March 21, 2003. OJP's Bureau of Justice Statistics (BJS) is soliciting online applications for the FY 2003 National Criminal History Improvement Program (NCHIP). The NCHIP program has encompassed evolving efforts to support state activities for the establishment of records systems and the collection and use of criminal history and related records. The NCHIP program is an umbrella program that implements the grant provisions of the Crime Identification Technology Act of 1998 (CITA), the Brady Handgun Violence Prevention Act, the National Child Protection Act of 1993, provisions of the Omnibus Crime Control and Safe Streets Act of 1968, the Law Enforcement Act of 1994, and several others. The FY 2003 NCHIP appropriation under CITA is \$40 million, with an additional \$3 million appropriated for the purposes described in the Violence Against Women Act of 1994 and the Violence Against Women Act of 2000. The NCHIP application must be submitted by the agency designated by the governor to administer the NCHIP program. Register online at <https://grants.ojp.usdoj.gov/index.html> by **April 25**, and online applications are due by **April 30**. Application information is available online at <http://www.ojp.usdoj.gov/bjs/abstract/nchip03.htm>.

NIC Best Practices in Prison Staffing Analysis

Initially in *Short Takes* March 7, 2003. NIC announced the availability of funds in FY 2003 for a cooperative agreement to fund the project "Prison Staffing Analysis" (*Federal Register*, March 7, 2003, pp. 11148-11149, <http://a257.g.akamaitech.net/7/257/2422/14mar20010800/edocket.access.gpo.gov/2003/03-5525.htm>). NIC will award a one year cooperative agreement to develop a training program, with accompanying materials, which can be used by state prisons to train their staff on how to conduct a prison staffing analysis; to examine staffing patterns and needs in women's prisons as well as special offender populations, such as units for the mentally ill and chronically ill, and to provide staffing recommendations for these units; and to identify best practices which are used in conducting a prison staffing analysis. An eligible applicant is any state or general unit of local government, private agency, educational institution, organization, individuals or team with expertise in the requested areas in order to successfully meet the objectives of this project. A total of \$100,000 is reserved for this project commencing in FY 2003. Applications must be received by **April 25**. Application information is available online at <http://www.nicic.org/services/coop/default.htm> or by calling Rita Rippetoe at 800-995-6423, extension 44222, or by e-mail at rippetoe@bop.gov.

BJA Byrne Memorial State & Law Enforcement Assistance Formula Grant Program

OJP's Bureau of Justice Assistance (BJA) is requesting applications for the Edward Byrne Memorial State and Local Law Enforcement Assistance Formula Grant Program. Eligible applicants are states, the District of Columbia, Puerto Rico, the Northern Mariana Islands, the U.S. Virgin Islands, Guam, and American Samoa. Register online at <http://grants.ojp.usdoj.gov> by **April 29**; online applications are due by **May 6**. Application information is available online at <http://www.ojp.usdoj.gov/fundopps.htm>.

OJJDP FY 2003 Title II Part B Formula Grants Program

Initially in *Short Takes* March 21, 2003. OJP's Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention (OJJDP) is soliciting applications for the FY 2003 Title II Part B Formula Grants Program. The program is designed to support state and local delinquency prevention and intervention efforts and juvenile justice system improvements. Funds are allocated annually among the states on the basis of relative population of youth under age eighteen. To receive a full allocation, states must demonstrate compliance with four core requirements prescribed by the Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention Act. The core requirements are: deinstitutionalization of status offenders and nonoffenders; separation of juveniles and adults in secure custody; removal of juveniles from adult jails and lockups; and reduction of disproportionate minority confinement, where such exists. Only designated state agencies appointed by the governor are eligible to apply for the program. Online applications are due by **April 30**.

OJJDP FY 2003 State Challenge Activities Grants Program

Initially in *Short Takes* March 21, 2003. OJJDP is soliciting applications for the FY 2003 State Challenge Activities Grants Program. The \$10 million appropriated in FY 2003 for the program is allocated as follows: \$1.2 million statutory set aside to support State Challenge Activities Grants Program-related research and training and technical assistance and a total of about \$8.8 million is available for distribution to states. The amount of funds available for the states is determined by the ratio of State Challenge Activities funds to Formula Grant funds available to the States in a given fiscal year. The same ratio is applied to each State's Formula Grant allocation to determine each eligible State's Challenge Grant allocation. The program provides incentives for states to improve their juvenile justice systems by developing, adopting, or improving policies and programs in one or more of 10 specified challenge areas. Each state may propose to use an amount of the State Challenge Activities Grant allocation equal to or not more than 10% of such State's Formula Grant allocation received (and not to exceed the total amount of the State's Challenge Activities Grant allocation) to implement each challenge activity which the state chooses to undertake. States are encouraged to choose more than one challenge activity, if possible. Online applications are due by **April 30**. Application information is available online at <http://www.ojp.usdoj.gov/docs/OJJDPfy03challenge.txt>.

OJJDP FY 2003 Enforcing Underage Drinking Laws Program

Initially in *Short Takes* March 21, 2003. OJJDP is soliciting applications for the FY 2003 Enforcing Underage Drinking Laws Program. The program provides block grants for each state and the District of Columbia, to enforce state laws prohibiting the sale of alcoholic beverages to minors and to prevent the purchase or consumption of alcoholic beverages by minors. States can fund statewide task forces of state and local law enforcement and prosecutorial agencies to target establishments suspected of a pattern of violations of state laws governing the sale and consumption of alcohol by minors; public advertising programs to education establishments about statutory prohibitions and sanctions; and innovative programs to prevent underage drinking. Only designated state agencies appointed by the governor are eligible to apply for the program. Online applications are due by **April 30**.

OVC FY 2003 Tribal Victim Assistance Discretionary Grant Program

Initially in *Short Takes* March 21, 2003. OVC is soliciting online applications for the FY 2003 Tribal Victim Assistance Discretionary Grant Program. The purpose of the program is to establish, expand, and improve direct service victim assistance programs for federally recognized Tribes. No set number of awards has been established for the program. Awards will be made to federally recognized American Indian and Alaska Native Tribes, Tribal organizations, and nonprofit Tribal organizations that show the capacity to coordinate with other agencies serving crime victims. Coordination with the following agencies will be a key factor in ranking grantee proposals: U.S. Attorney offices; Federal Bureau of Investigation field offices; state VOCA administrators; Bureau of Indian Affairs Law Enforcement Services; state and county law enforcement agencies; the Indian Health Service; mental health clinics, hospitals, child protective services and other appropriate Tribal and nontribal agencies. Award amounts will vary depending on the types of services to be provided and the number of victims anticipated to be served. OVC has allocated \$2 million for this initiative in FY 2003 and anticipates equivalent funding for continuation of the grants in FYs 2004 and 2005. The award period is 12 months, with the potential for an additional 24 months. All applications must be submitted electronically through the OJP's Grants Management System (GMS), which can be accessed at www.ojp.usdoj.gov/fundopps.htm (as well as application guidance). Applicants without an Internet account should call the GMS Hotline at 888-549-9901 for assistance. Register online by **April 30**; applications are due by **May 9**.

OJJDP FY 2003 Tribal Youth Program

OJJDP is soliciting applications for the FY 2003 Tribal Youth Program, which supports and enhances tribal efforts to prevent and control delinquency and improve the juvenile justice system for American Indian/Alaska Native (AI/AN) youth. Applications are invited from federally recognized tribes and from corporations that represent Alaska Native villages. Tribes that received funding in FY 1999 and FY 2000 are eligible to apply. However, each grantee must be in the final year of their budget to be eligible for funding. Tribes that received funding in FY 2001 and FY 2002 are not eligible to apply. Tribal consortiums also are encouraged to apply, when appropriate. Those applying for funding must identify at least one and no more than two of the following categories as the focus of their application for funding:

- Provide prevention services to impact risk factors for delinquency. Prevention services include risk factor identification, gang prevention education, youth gun violence reduction programs, truancy prevention programs, school dropout prevention programs, afterschool programs, mentoring programs, and parenting education programs.

- Provide interventions for court-involved tribal youth. Intervention services include graduated sanctions, restitution, diversion, home detention, foster and shelter care, and mentoring programming.
- Improve tribal juvenile justice systems. Juvenile justice improvements include the development, implementation, and enhancement of indigenous justice strategies, tribal juvenile codes, tribal youth courts, intake assessments, advocacy programs, gender-specific programming, juvenile probation services, and reentry programs.
- Provide alcohol and drug abuse prevention programs. Alcohol and drug abuse prevention programs include drug and/or alcohol education, drug testing, and screening.

The \$8 million available will be awarded through a competitive process. Applicants selected for awards will be funded for a three-year budget and project period. Cooperative agreements will range from \$300,000 to \$500,000 (based on the size of the tribal population).

Register online by **April 30**; online applications are due by **May 15**. Application information is available online at <http://www.ojjdp.ncjrs.org/grants/current.html>. If you do not have access to the Internet and still wish to apply, please contact Laura Ansera, Tribal Youth Program Manager, at 202-307-5924.

OVC Grants for American Indian Tribes and Tribal Nonprofit Organizations

OVC is soliciting applications for the Tribal victim assistance programs. Application information is available online at http://www.ojp.usdoj.gov/ovc/fund/curr_toolbox_opps.htm.

The Tribal Victim Assistance Discretionary Grant Program's purpose is to establish, expand, and improve direct service victim assistance programs for federally recognized tribes. Awards will be made to Tribal and nonprofit programs that show the capacity to coordinate with other agencies serving crime victims. No set number of awards has been established for the program. Award amounts will vary depending on the types of services to be provided and the number of victims anticipated to be served. OVC has allocated \$2.5 million for this initiative in FY 2003 and anticipates equivalent funding for continuation grants in FY 2004 and FY 2005. The online registration deadline is **April 30**; the online application deadline is **May 9**.

The Ninth Indian Nations Conference. The successful applicant will plan and host the Ninth National Indian Nations Conference for victim service providers and criminal justice professionals involved in providing services to and securing rights for crime victims in Indian country. Applications are invited from public agencies, including tribal colleges, universities, and private, nonprofit tribal organizations. The applicant must have knowledge of and experience with victim advocacy, victim assistance, and child abuse case handling in Indian country and must demonstrate management capability to organize and host a conference of national scope. The award amount is \$300,000 in FY 2003 and \$200,000 in FY 2004. The online registration deadline is **April 30**; the online application deadline is **May 14**.

The Children's Justice Act Partnerships for Indian Communities Discretionary Grant Program's purpose is to improve the capacity of existing tribal systems to handle serious child abuse cases by developing specialized services and procedures to address the needs of American Indian and Alaska Native child abuse victims. Eligible applicants are federally recognized Indian tribes and nonprofit tribal organizations. OVC has allocated \$1 million for new grants in FY 2003. No set number of awards has been established and award amounts will vary depending on the child abuse problem identified, the number of child abuse victims to be served, and the types of services to be provided by individual applicants. The award period is 12 months with the potential for an additional 24 months of funding. The award amount for continued grants is \$75,000 with an award period of 12 months. For continued funding, the online registration deadline is **May 1**; the online application deadline is **May 22**. For new funding, the online registration deadline is **May 14**; the online application deadline is **May 29**.

The purpose of the Training and Technical Assistance for Children's Justice Act Partnerships for Indian Communities Discretionary Grant Program is to provide culturally relevant skills-building training and technical assistance to American Indian and Alaskan Native grantees who have received funding through the Children's Justice Act Partnerships for Indian Communities Grant Program. It is anticipated that up to 35 different grantees may require such training services. Eligible applicants are public or private nonprofit organizations and educational institutions. Applicants must demonstrate knowledge of and experience in providing high quality training and technical assistance to Indian communities, show experience working with crime victims in Indian Country, and possess knowledge of general victim issues. The award amount is \$350,000 with an award period of 12 months. The online registration deadline is **May 14**; the online application deadline is **May 29**.

BJA FY 2003 Bulletproof Vest Partnership (BVP) Program

Initially in *Short Takes* March 7, 2003. BJA is soliciting online applications for the FY 2003 Bulletproof Vest Partnership (BVP) Program. The program assists states (including the District of Columbia, Puerto Rico, US Virgin Islands, American Samoa, Guam and the Northern Mariana Islands), units of local government, and Indian tribes, in obtaining funds to purchase ballistic and stab vests for their law enforcement officers. Funding priority is given for

jurisdictions with populations under 100,000. Based upon availability of funds, the smaller jurisdictions will receive the full 50% of requested funds in approved applications. For larger jurisdictions with populations at or over 100,000, the program will pay up to 50% of each applicant's total vest costs, based upon any remaining funds. Specific funding levels for larger jurisdictions will be determined once all applications have been submitted. Given the projected number of eligible jurisdictions and the limited funds available, the BVP may not have sufficient funds to provide 50% for applications from larger jurisdictions. Online applications at <https://vests.ojp.gov/index.html> are due by **May 2**. If you have trouble accessing the site, call toll free 877-75-VESTS (877-758-3787) or e-mail vests@ojp.gov.

NIJ Broadening Understanding of Violence Against Women From Diverse Communities

Initially in *Short Takes* March 7, 2003. OJP's National Institute of Justice (NIJ) is soliciting proposals for research on violence against women ages 12 and older from diverse communities. Priority will be given to studies that focus on women from diverse communities including ethnic, racial, cultural, and linguistic minority groups; women with disabilities; incarcerated women; religious communities; immigrant and refugee populations; or women with alternative sexual orientations. NIJ anticipates awarding up to four grants with a funding total up to \$1 million. The funding is for research and evaluation only; requests for funds for program support or development will not be considered. Applications are due by **May 9**. Application information is available online at <http://www.ojp.usdoj.gov/nij/funding.htm> or by calling the DOJ Response Center at 800-421-6770 (in the Washington, DC area at 202-307-1480) or the National Criminal Justice Reference Service (NCJRS) at 800-851-3420.

SAMHSA CSAT Practice Improvement Collaborative Cooperative Agreements: Strengthening Treatment Access and Retention

Initially in *Short Takes* Feb. 21, 2003. The U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS), Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA), Center for Substance Abuse Treatment (CSAT) is accepting applications for FY 2003 funds for cooperative agreements to implement effective clinical and administrative practices to improve client access and retention in substance abuse treatment (*Federal Register*, Feb. 18, 2003, pp. 7798-7800, <http://a257.g.akamaitech.net/7/257/2422/14mar20010800/edocket.access.gpo.gov/2003/03-3815.htm>). Public and domestic private nonprofit entities are eligible to apply, including units of state or local government, tribal governments and organizations, and community-based organizations, including faith-based organizations. It is expected that approximately \$2.5 million will be available for 12 to 14 awards in FY 2003. The average annual award will be \$175,000 to \$200,000 in total costs. Awards may be requested for up to three years. The application deadline is **May 12**. Application kits are available from the National Clearinghouse for Alcohol and Drug Information (NCADI) at 800-789-2647 or online at <http://www.samhsa.gov/grants/grants.html>.

SAMHSA CSAT Grants to Adopt/Expand Effective Adolescent Alcohol and Drug Abuse Treatment

Initially in *Short Takes* March 21, 2003. SAMHSA's Center for Substance Abuse Treatment (CSAT) is accepting applications for FY 2003 funds for grants to increase the provision and effectiveness of alcohol and drug abuse treatment for adolescents by adoption/ expansion of Motivational Enhancement Therapy/Cognitive Behavioral Therapy - 5 sessions (MET/CBT 5) (*Federal Register*, March 10, 2003, pp. 11403-11404, <http://a257.g.akamaitech.net/7/257/2422/14mar20010800/edocket.access.gpo.gov/2003/03-5527.htm>). Public and domestic private non-profit entities are eligible to apply, including units of state and local government, Native Alaskan entities, Indian tribes and tribal organizations, and community organizations, including faith based organizations. It is expected that approximately \$7 million will be available for 28 to 35 awards in FY 2003. The average annual award will be \$200,000 to \$250,000 in total costs. Applications with proposed federal budgets that exceed \$250,000 will be returned without review. Awards may be requested for up to three years. The application deadline is **May 12**. Application kits are available from the National Clearinghouse for Alcohol and Drug Information (NCADI) at 800-789-2647 or online at <http://www.samhsa.gov/grants/grants.html>.

HHS Indian Health Service Children and Youth Initiative

Initially in *Short Takes* March 21, 2003. HHS's Indian Health Service (IHS) announced the availability of approximately \$700,000 for competitive grants for youth initiatives: health promotion, intentional and unintentional injury prevention, youth wellness, recreation and education, and mentoring programs for American Indian and

Alaska Native (AI/AN) youth (*Federal Register*, March 19, 2003, pp. 13317-13320, <http://a257.g.akamaitech.net/7/257/2422/14mar20010800/edocket.access.gpo.gov/2003/03-6509.htm>). Projects will be included in one of two categories: (1) services assessment, which may include the demographics of Native American children and youth between the ages of 5 and 19, the development of a survey tool of youth services and needs, or the development of assessment tools or interdisciplinary teams; or (2) direct services with a prevention component, which may include the forming of children and youth-specific clinics/services/programs/camps/before and after school programs/recreation programs/programs for at risk youth with an injury prevention focus or the fostering of traditional values as well as family and intergenerational activities. This may involve children and youth with special needs, particularly at risk populations such as detained or incarcerated youth, or aftercare for youth in residential treatment programs. Federally recognized Indian tribes, Indian Tribal organizations, and 501(c)(3) nonprofit organizations including faith-based organizations serving primarily AI/AN are eligible to apply. It is anticipated that approximately \$700,000 will be available to support five to 10 projects at approximately \$40,000 to \$60,000 each and 10 to 20 projects at approximately \$5,000 to \$15,000 each. Projects may be funded in annual budget periods for up to three years. Applications must be submitted by **May 15**. Application kits may be obtained from the Grants Management Branch, Division of Acquisition and Grants Management, Reyes Building, Suite 120, 801 Thompson Avenue, Rockville, MD 20852; tel: 301-443-5204.

OJJDP FY 2003 Congressional Earmark Programs

Initially in *Short Takes* March 21, 2003. OJJDP is calling for online applications for the FY 2003 Congressional Earmark Programs. Register online by **May 16**, and online applications are due by **June 2**. Application information is available online at <http://www.ojjdp.ncjrs.org/grants/current.html>.

BJA FY 2003 Drug Courts Program

BJA is requesting applications for the Drug Court Grant Program designed to assist states, state courts, local courts, units of local government, and Indian tribal governments in developing and establishing drug courts for substance-abusing adult and juvenile offenders. For FY 2003, Congress appropriated \$45 million for the program. Applications are being sought specifically for:

- Adult Drug Court Implementation.
- Juvenile Drug Court Implementation.
- Family Drug Court Implementation.
- Single Jurisdiction Drug Court Enhancement.
- Statewide Drug Court Enhancement.

Up to a total of \$500,000 is available for implementation grants for up to three years. Up to a total of \$300,000 is available for enhancement grants for up to two years. States (including Guam, American Samoa, Northern Mariana Islands, Puerto Rico, the U.S. Virgin Islands, and the District of Columbia), state courts, local courts, units of local government, and American Indian tribal governments may apply for funding.

Online applications are due **May 22**. Application information is available online at <http://www.ojp.usdoj.gov/BJA/grant/drugcourts.html>.

SAMHSA CSAP Targeted Capacity Expansion of Methamphetamine and Inhalant Prevention Interventions and Infrastructure Development

HHS's Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA), Center for Substance Abuse Prevention (CSAP) is accepting applications for FY 2003 for cooperative agreements to conduct targeted capacity expansion of methamphetamine and inhalant prevention interventions and infrastructure development (*Federal Register*, March 26, 2003, pp. 10020-10024, 14683-14685, <http://a257.g.akamaitech.net/7/257/2422/14mar20010800/edocket.access.gpo.gov/2003/03-7282.htm>). Eligible applicants are public and domestic private non-profit entities such as: units of state and local governments, Indian tribes and tribal organizations, community-based organizations, managed care and other health care delivery systems, universities and colleges, faith-based organizations and local law enforcement agencies. It is expected that approximately \$4 million will be available for 14 awards in FY 2003. The average annual award will range from \$300,000 to \$350,000 in total costs. Applications with proposed budgets that exceed \$350,000 will be returned without review. Awards may be requested for up to three years.

The application deadline is **May 23**. Application kits are available from the National Clearinghouse for Alcohol and Drug Information (NCADI) at 800-789-2647 or online at <http://www.samhsa.gov/grants/grants.html>.

SAMHSA CSAP Targeted Capacity Expansion Initiatives for Substance Abuse Prevention (SAP) and HIV Prevention in Minority Communities: Services Grants

SAMHSA's Center for Substance Abuse Prevention (CSAP) is accepting applications for FY 2003 grants to help community-based organizations expand their capacity to provide and sustain effective, integrated substance abuse prevention and HIV prevention services in high risk minority communities disproportionately impacted by the HIV/AIDS epidemic. Eligible applicants are public and domestic private non-profit entities such as: not for profit community based organizations, national organizations, colleges and universities, clinics and hospitals, faith-based organizations, health care delivery organizations, Tribal government and tribal/urban Indian entities and organizations, historically Black colleges and universities, Tribal colleges and universities, Hispanic serving institutions, and members of the Hispanic Association of Colleges and Universities. Since the purpose of this program is to expand the capacity of community-based organizations, state and local government agencies are not eligible to apply. It is expected that approximately \$3.8 million will be available for 10 to 14 awards in FY 2003. The average annual award will range from \$250,000 to \$300,000 in total costs. Applications with proposed budgets that exceed \$350,000 will be returned without review. Awards may be requested for up to five years.

The application deadline is **May 23**. Application kits are available from the National Clearinghouse for Alcohol and Drug Information (NCADI) at 800-789-2647 or online at <http://www.samhsa.gov/grants/grants.html>.

COPS Tribal Resource Grant Program

DOJ's Office of Community Oriented Policing Services (COPS) is requesting grant applications for the Tribal Resource Grant Program. The program covers a maximum federal share of 75% of total project costs, including approved salary and benefits of new, additional entry-level police officer positions (up to a maximum of \$75,000 per officer over three years), basic law enforcement training and equipment, vehicles, and technology. There is a requirement that any additional officer positions funded under the grant must be retained for at least one full local budget cycle with local (non-COPS) funds after the expiration of federal funding. The program includes a local cash match requirement of 25% of total project costs. Waivers of the local match requirement may be granted only on the basis of a documented fiscal hardship. Waiver requests must be made at the time of application. \$35 million has been appropriated for this program in FY 2003.

The application deadline is **May 30**. Application information is available online at <http://www.cops.usdoj.gov/Default.asp?Item=46> or by calling U.S. Department of Justice Response Center at 800-421-6770.

OJJDP FY 2003 Discretionary Continuation Programs – Demonstration; Training; Child Protection; Research, Evaluation and Statistics; and State and Local

OJJDP is soliciting grant applications for the FY 2003 Continuation of Currently Funded Discretionary Programs – Demonstration; Training; Child Protection; Research, Evaluation and Statistics; and State and Local. Online applications are due by **June 1**. Application information is available online at <http://www.ojjdp.ncjrs.org/grants/current.html>.

CDC Development of the National Violent Death Reporting System

Initially in *Short Takes* March 7, 2003. HHS's Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) announced the availability of FY 2003 funds for a cooperative agreement surveillance program to expand the implementation of the National Violent Death Reporting System (NVDRS) as mandated in FY 2003 Senate appropriations language treatment (*Federal Register*, March 3, 2003, pp. 10020-10024, <http://a257.g.akamaitech.net/7/257/2422/03mar20030800/edocket.access.gpo.gov/2003/03-4858.htm>). NVDRS will assist state governments to understand the extent of the violence problem in their states and to develop and evaluate violence prevention program efforts. Assistance will be provided only to the health departments of states or their bona fide agents, including the District of Columbia, the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico, the Virgin Islands, the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands, American Samoa, Guam, the Federated States of Micronesia, the Republic of the Marshall Islands, the Republic of Palau, and the federally recognized Indian tribal governments. In consultation with states, assistance may be provided to political subdivisions of states. States funded under Program Announcement 02059 – Cooperative Agreement for Development of National Violent Death Reporting System (Maryland, Massachusetts, New Jersey, Oregon, South Carolina and Virginia) are not eligible to apply. Approximately \$2.25 million is available in FY 2003 to fund approximately eight awards. It is expected that the average award will be \$240,000, ranging from \$150,000 to \$220,000 for states with up to 800 cases of violent death in calendar year 2001 and from \$220,000 to \$320,000 for states with greater than 800 cases of violent death in 2001.

At least one applicant will be funded in each funding range. "New" and "Experienced" system applications will be evaluated separately; at least one new applicant and one experienced applicant will be funded. It is expected that the awards will begin on or about Sept. 1, 2003 and will be made for a 12-month budget period within a project period of up to five years. The application must be received by **June 2**. Application kits are available online at <http://www.cdc.gov/od/pgo/funding/grantmain.htm> or by contacting the CDC Procurement and Grants Office Technical Information Management Section (PGO-TIM) at 770-488-2700.

HHS FY 2003 Runaway and Homeless Youth Program Grants

HHS's Administration for Children and Families (ACF), Family and Youth Services Bureau (FYSB) is requesting applications for the Basic Center Program for Runaway and Homeless Youth (BCP), Transitional Living Program (TLP), Street Outreach Program (SOP), and Positive Youth Development State and Local Collaboration Demonstration Projects (SLCDP) and (*Federal Register*, April 8, 2003, pp. 17045-17053, <http://a257.g.akamaitech.net/7/257/2422/14mar20010800/edocket.access.gpo.gov/2003/03-8430.htm>).

The purpose of the Basic Center Program (BCP) is to establish or strengthen locally controlled, community-based programs that address the immediate needs of runaway and homeless youth and their families. Services must be delivered outside of the law enforcement, child welfare, mental health and juvenile justice systems. Eligible applicants are public agencies (state, unit of local government, Indian tribes and tribal organizations, private nonprofit agencies, and community-based and faith-based organizations). FYSB expects to award up to \$12.3 million for up to 100 new competitive BCP grants. The funds will be divided among the states in proportion to their respective populations under the age of 18, according to the latest census data. A minimum of \$100,000 will be awarded to each state, the District of Columbia and Puerto Rico. A minimum of \$45,000 will be awarded to each of the four insular areas: Guam, American Samoa, the Commonwealth of the Northern Marianas, and the Virgin Islands. Applicants may apply for up to \$200,000 per year with a maximum of \$600,000 for a three-year project period. Applicants must provide a non-federal share or match of at least 10% of the federal funds awarded (there may be certain exceptions for Tribes).

The overall purpose of the Transitional Living Program (TLP) for homeless youth is to establish and operate transitional living programs for homeless youth. The program is structured to help older, homeless youth achieve self-sufficiency and avoid long-term dependency on social services. Transitional living programs provide shelter, skills training, and support services to homeless youth ages 16 through 21 for a continuous period not exceeding 18 months. Eligible applicants are public agencies (state, units of local government, Indian tribes and tribal organizations, private nonprofit agencies, and community-based and faith-based organizations). FYSB expects to award up to \$7.9 million for up to 42 new competitive TLP grants for fiscal year 2004. Applicants may apply for up to \$200,000 per year with a maximum of \$1 million for a five-year project period. Applicants must provide a non-federal share or match of at least 10% of the federal funds awarded (there may be certain exceptions for Tribes).

The overall purpose of Street Outreach Program (SOP) is to provide education and prevention services to runaway, homeless and street youth who have been subjected to or are at risk of sexual exploitation or abuse. The goal of the program is to establish and build relationships between street youth and program outreach staff in order to help youth leave the streets. The objective of the program is to provide support services that will assist the youth in moving and adjusting to a safe and appropriate alternative living arrangement. The services include, at a minimum, treatment, counseling, and provision of information and referral services. Street outreach programs must have access to local emergency shelter space that is an appropriate placement for young people and that can be made available for youth willing to come in off the streets. Eligible applicants are private nonprofit agencies and community-based and faith-based organizations; public agencies are not eligible to apply. FYSB expects to award up to \$4.6 million for up to 46 new competitive SOP grants. Applicants may apply for up to \$200,000 in federal support each year with a maximum of \$600,000 for a three-year project period. Applicants must provide a non-federal share or match of at least 10% of the federal funds awarded.

Eligible applicants for the Youth Development State Collaboration Demonstration Project (SLCDP) are limited to the 13 state organizations that are currently participating in the project: Arizona (AZ), Colorado (CO), Connecticut (CT), Iowa (IA), Illinois (IL), Indiana (IN), Kentucky (KY), Louisiana (LA), Massachusetts (MA), Maryland (MD), Nebraska (NE), New York (NY), and Oregon (OR).

The deadline for applications is **June 9**. Application information is available by calling or writing the ACYF Operations Center at the Educational Services, Inc., Attention: ACYF Operations Center, 1150 Connecticut Avenue, NW, Suite 1100, Washington, DC 20036; tel: 800-351-2293; e-mail: FYSB@esilsg.org; or online at <http://www.acf.hhs.gov/programs/fysb>.

NIDA FY 2004 Stress and Drug Abuse: Epidemiology, Etiology, Prevention and Treatment

Initially in *Short Takes* Jan. 24, 2003. NIDA is soliciting applications for innovative research on chronic stress and drug abuse or dependence. Research is encouraged on the epidemiology, etiology, prevention, and treatment of

drug abuse/dependence, as it relates to either chronic stress or Post Traumatic Stress Disorder (PTSD). More specifically, research is sought to examine the relationship between chronic stress or PTSD and drug use, abuse, and dependence. Also of interest is the relationship between chronic stress or PTSD and withdrawal/abstinence, remission, and relapse. NIDA intends to commit \$2.5 million in FY 2004 funds for 8 to 10 new grants, using the NIH research project grant (R01) award mechanism. An applicant may request a project period of up to five years. The application receipt date is **June 18**; letters of intent are due **May 19**. Application information is available online at <http://grants1.nih.gov/grants/guide/rfa-files/RFA-DA-04-001.html>. For further assistance contact GrantsInfo, 301-435-0714, e-mail: GrantsInfo@nih.gov.

OVC FY 2003 VOCA Crime Victim Compensation and Assistance

Initially in *Short Takes* March 21, 2003. OVC is calling for online applications from states, territories, and the District of Columbia for the FY 2003 Victim of Crime Act (VOCA) Crime Victim Compensation and Crime Victim Assistance. Register online at <https://grants.ojp.usdoj.gov/index.html> by **June 29**, and online applications are due by **June 30**.

DOT FHWA Amber Plan Program Support Assistance

Initially in *Short Takes* Feb. 21, 2003. The U.S. Department of Transportation (DOT), Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) requests applications for assistance from public agencies in supporting Amber Plan Programs in each state (*Federal Register*, Feb. 12, 2003, pp. 7164-7167, <http://a257.g.akamaitech.net/7/257/2422/14mar20010800/edocket.access.gpo.gov/2003/03-3501.htm>). The Amber Plan Program is a voluntary program where law enforcement agencies partner with broadcasters to issue an urgent bulletin in the most serious child abduction cases. The U.S. DOT Amber Plan Grant Program will provide up to \$7 million in grants to states (including Puerto Rico and the District of Columbia) to fund the application of Intelligent Transportation Systems (ITS) to facilitate the inclusion of state and local transportation agencies into existing or proposed Amber Plan Programs. The intent is to provide funds to states for the purpose of planning the systems and procedures necessary to incorporate various traveler information systems such as changeable message signs (CMS) in the issuance of Amber Alerts. Each state (including Puerto Rico and the District of Columbia) may apply for a grant of \$125,000 for planning, coordinating and designing of systems, protocols, and message sets that support the coordination and communication necessary to issue an Amber Alert and to provide the means to communicate an Amber Alert to motorists. This funding would ensure that the notification is well designed and integrated between the law enforcement and transportation communities. Once such planning has been completed, any remaining funds from the grant could be used to support the implementation of systems that will support the dissemination of Amber Alert messages via CMS or other traveler information systems. There is a statutorily required minimum 20% matching share that must be from non-federally derived funding sources. Applications must be received prior to **Aug. 1**; decisions regarding the acceptance of specific applications for funding will be made within 60 business days of receipt. For further information contact: Mr. Robert Rupert, Office of Transportation Management (HOTM-1), 202-366-2194; Mr. Craig Allred, ITS Joint Program Office (HOIT-1), 202-366-8034; or Ms. Gloria Hardiman-Tobin, Office of Chief Counsel (HCC-40), 202-366-0780. Application information is available online at <http://www.its.dot.gov/>.

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